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SUBJECT: NEW CASE 61,401 - JOSEPH MEROLA/EL SALVADOR CONNECTIONS
REP: MIN-006-74, 4 JAN 74

1. THIS CASE IS RESPONSIVE TO OBJECTIVE C-5. THE EL SALVADOR DESK
HAS ADVISED US OF THEIR STRONG INTEREST IN IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL
REPORTED TO BE WORKING FOR THE [REDACTED] BY JOSEPH MEROLA.

IF POSSIBLE, THEY REQUEST THAT MEROLA IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME AND
ALSO PROVIDE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON HIM. ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MEROLA MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY ON THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: IN THE COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION WITH THE
DESK, THEY EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT MEROLA WAS CONSIDERED BY DCD AS A
RELIABLE SOURCE. MEROLA WAS DESCRIBED BY THE DESK AS BEING VERY "UNRELIABLE."
WE EXPLAINED THAT MEROLA HAD PROVIDED US WITH A NUMBER OF REPORTS OVER THE
YEARS BUT WE COULD NOT VOUCH FOR THE RELIABILITY OF HIS INFORMATION.

3. YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS NEW CASE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

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